

Where can you get more information?

If you feel you could be a “dream home” for a child in need, or just want more information on how you might help these kids, please contact your local office of the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children’s Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) and ask to speak to the Recruitment and Certification Intake Worker.

Or, if this pamphlet was part of an information packet you requested, check the enclosed map for the telephone number in the region where you live.

Thank you.



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My Dream Home



Do you live here?

You could...
if you were a foster or adoptive parent.

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Do you have a Dream Home?

Lots of kids out there just might think your house is a “dream home”:

- ♥ Kids who don’t have a home of their own.
- ♥ Kids who care about what a home feels like, not what it looks like.
- ♥ Kids who have been shuffled around too much and just want to stay put.
- ♥ Kids who define their “dream homes” not as buildings but as people who love them and keep them safe, people who laugh and care about each other, and, maybe, a puppy or a kitten.

The difference, you see, is in the point of view.

Who are these kids?

- ♥ Most of these kids have been abused or neglected. They have been beaten or molested or ignored or starved.
- ♥ Some just have nowhere to go. Their parents and other relatives can’t or won’t take care of them.
- ♥ Some have physical, mental, or emotional disabilities that were there at birth or developed later as a result of their abuse, neglect, or abandonment.
- ♥ Some come in bunches of three or more sisters and brothers who need desperately to stay together.

- ♥ They come in all sizes and ages and colors. And, on any given day, there are hundreds of them.

You can see them on the Special Needs Adoption Program web site at <http://cfc.state.ky.us/cbs-snap>.

They’re beautiful.

How can you help?

You can make a dream home for one or more of these kids by becoming a foster parent or an adoptive parent. All you have to do is meet these requirements:

- ♥ Be financially stable, that is, able to meet the needs of your family;
- ♥ Be at least 21 years old;
- ♥ Be single, married (for a minimum of two years), widowed, or divorced;
- ♥ Be able to provide a safe, secure, and healthy home for a child or children;
- ♥ Be physically and mentally healthy; and
- ♥ Successfully complete 30 hours of training and all paperwork.

That doesn’t sound too difficult, does it?